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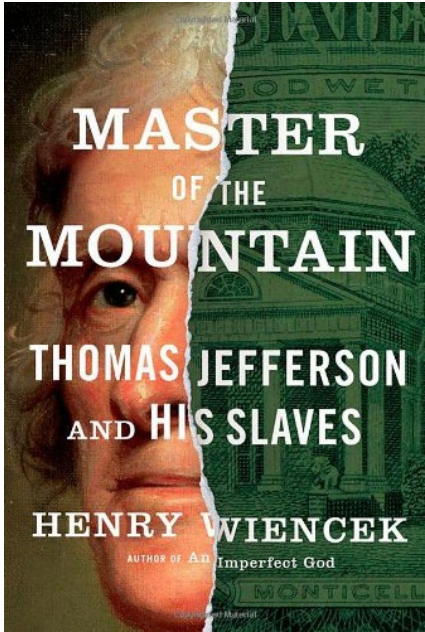


Henry Wiencek Sr on Thomas Jefferson, Slave owner

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Laura Miller begins her [review of *Master of the Mountain: Thomas Jefferson and His Slaves*](#), with this:

“No founding father wrote more eloquently on behalf of liberty and human rights than Thomas Jefferson, and none has a more troubling record when it comes to the “peculiar institution” of slavery. At present, the popular understanding of Jefferson’s shilly-shallying on this issue doesn’t extend much deeper than knowing smirks about Sally Hemings and the (unacknowledged) children Jefferson fathered with her. We tend to assume that the dirtiest secrets of the past have to do with sex. But, as Henry Wiencek explains in his new book, “[Master of the Mountain: Thomas Jefferson and His Slaves](#),” the real filth is in the ledger books.”



On Friday, October 26, 2012, Mr Wiencek visited us at the UT History department to discuss the new book with Professors Jacqueline Jones and Robert Lowell and answer questions from the audience.

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